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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON - REDSTONE
4488 MARTIN ROAD
REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA 35898-5000**

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Directorate of Environment and Safety

Mr. John P. Rankin
103 Madison Avenue
Huntsville, AL 35758

Dear Mr. Rankin

Congratulations! I am extremely pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive the very first US Army Garrison - Redstone Environmental Award for Cultural Resources. This award will be presented annually in recognition of environmental stewardship.

This award recognizes the many hours you have spent during the past year documenting the historic cemeteries on Redstone Arsenal. We appreciate that you have given your time to go to the cemeteries, clean stones, fight with fire ants for territory, and make an excellent photographic record of cemeteries and all the markers in them. We appreciate that you have and continue to search libraries and legal records to locate or verify information that will associate family names with cemeteries. Your work provides both a base of knowledge for our cultural resources program and enables us to serve the civilian community by answering genealogical questions of callers whose families once lived on what is now Army land.

The award will be publicly announced and presented at Redstone Arsenal's annual Earth Day/Arbor Day event on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at the Path to Nature. Awards will be presented as part of the Earth Day/Arbor Day ceremony, which begins at 10:00 a.m. We hope that you will be able to join us for this event and the celebration of the collective accomplishments of our award winners. Please arrive by 9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Gabrielle Ehinger, Natural Resources Division (AMSAM-RA-DES-NR), 256-876-3977.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Devlin
Colonel, US Army
Garrison Commander